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**artsnb announces the retirement of its Executive Director**

*(Fredericton, May 5, 2022)* - It is with regret but warm wishes that the New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) announces the retirement of artsnb Executive Director Joss Richer, effective June 30, 2022. While delighted for Joss, it will be our loss, the board and staff of artsnb, as he has been a tremendous asset to the organization and the arts community of New Brunswick.

*Joss shares, "While I am excited about my impending retirement, I wish to express my joy and gratitude for the opportunity I've had to work with such an amazing team and for such a great cause. Together, we've come a long way and we have had a truly positive impact in the life of artists and on the arts and culture scene in New Brunswick. Honestly, working at artsnb over the past eight years has been the highlight of my career, and it feels so good to end on such a high note!"*

Beginning with artsnb in 2014 as a program officer, Joss took on the role of Executive Director in June of 2016. He has since led the organization from a time of crisis to a time of stability, from surviving to thriving, owing in no small measure to the strength of his leadership. Joss is gifted with an eye for detail and a dependable and kind nature. Milestone accomplishments during his tenure at artsnb include the presentation of the 'Report of the Premier's Task Force on the Status of the Artist' to the premier last June done in collaboration with our key partners, the \$500,000 annual increase in grant funding to artists through the Arts Development Trust Fund, the implementation of a fully online grant application system, and the creation of new grant programs and workshops for Indigenous artists.

We are indebted to his vision and steadfast commitment for propelling artsnb and the arts community of New Brunswick to an improved position. His work has assured our future successes.

Over the coming weeks, the artsnb Board of Directors will be undertaking the process of hiring a new Executive Director. Interested candidates can find the job posting and more information [HERE](#).

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*The New Brunswick Arts Board is an arm's length arts funding agency with a legislated mandate to facilitate and promote the creation of art as well as administering funding programs for professional*



*artists in the province. Most of the funding for these programs is provided through the province's Arts Development Trust Fund and by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.*

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